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From: eva.putzova@gmail.com on behalf of Eva Putzova [eva.putzova@friendsofflagstaff.org]
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2010 9:28 AM
To: Newman-Web; Pierce-Web; Mayes-WebEmail; Kennedy-Web; Stump-Web
Subject: APS APPLICATION FOR MODIFICATION TO THE RESIDENTIAL DISTRIBUTED ENERGY INCENTIVE - NO. E-01345A-09-0338

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Chair Kristin K. Mayes
Commissioner Gary Pierce
Commissioner Paul Newman
Commissioner Sandra D. Kennedy
Commissioner Bob Stump

RE: ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY'S APPLICATION FOR MODIFICATION TO THE RESIDENTIAL DISTRIBUTED ENERGY INCENTIVE (DOCKET NO. E-01345A-09-0338)

Dear Chair Mayes and Commissioners:

On behalf of Friends of Flagstaff's Future—a non-profit organization with about 1,000 members focused on improving Flagstaff's sustainability—I would like to urge that the incentive reduction for photovoltaic systems and solar water heaters proposed by APS not be approved. The alternative, balanced approach identified by APS but not filed is more appropriate to continue increasing solar energy production—as a more sustainable and in a long run, economically more feasible energy policy.

We recommend

- a modest reduction in the incentive, perhaps to \$2.85, but not the 28 percent reduction to proposed \$2.15, recognizing that the incentives are needed to overcome economic barriers still in place;
- raising funding through a restructuring of the surcharge and its caps;
- supporting the goals and successes relative to these goals, not just considering the current financial shortfall brought on by these successes; and
- using a similar approach for the solar hot water incentives.

While the demand is exceeding program plans, the use of solar electric by APS customers is still quite modest. Over time—as photovoltaic systems and solar water heaters technologies mature and become economically more accessible, it will be appropriate to reduced incentives. We hope the reduction will come over a longer time and with more input than the 13 days from filing to hearing in this case.

Thank you for your consideration.

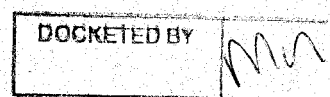
Best Regards,

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From: Chuck Bishop [cbishop@royalsolaraz.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2010 8:46 PM
To: Newman-Web; Pierce-Web; Mayes-WebEmail; Kennedy-Web; Stump-Web
Subject: APS solar rebate request input

Arizona Corporation Commission board members,

I am writing regarding the APS request to reduce the amount they pay on solar rebates. I understand the dilemma they are facing with depleting funds and their rational for reducing their rebate structure. The primary reason for my letter is in reaction to their request to make the policy retroactive to 3/30/10. As a solar contractor I was not aware of this requested change until 4/1/10 (my understanding was that this w information was first posted on the APS web site 3/31/10) and neither were the APS customers we were working with. Contracts that were entered into between 3/28 and 4/1/10 in good faith under the current published program would be voided if APS's request is approved as requested.

The law requires a customer to have a 3 day right of cancellation on any contract written for home improvement so many companies that follow the law don't process the contracts for 3 days – thus contracts written on Monday, March 29th or March 30th – before any notice of changes was announced would not be submitted to APS earlier than 3 days later - Thursday April 1 or Friday April 2. Under the APS request these contracts would be voided because they were not submitted before 3/31/10. This seems unfair to both the APS customer and the contractors that follow the 3 day provision of the law.

If the APS request to lower rebates is approved I hope a provision is made that allows for some grace period for agreements written before the request was made but not submitted till later in the week. If Tuesday is the active day then requests by Friday would be more equitable to parties who acted in good faith.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

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From: david g [davidg352003@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2010 11:58 AM
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Subject: Re: APS Rebates

I would like to ask that the rebate reduction for new solar energy users not be allowed to be back-dated but instead set for April first, after the date they made their public announcement of reducing solar rebates.

I had submitted and obligated myself to purchasing solar panels, the request went in on March 31st to APS from the company installing my solar panels. Then I find that APS is changing the game after I am committed is just not fair. They should not be allowed to reduce the rebates effective retroactive to when I put in my good faith request.

I appreciate your time and attention to this matter.

Respectfully,
David Guenther